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EQUITY DEMANDS CLEAN HANDS

The plea for a general amnesty for what are called political prisoners will not gain much strength from an inspection of the list of persons who are advocating it. Among those who appeared before a congressional committee recently in favor of the adoption of a resolution by congress urging President Harding to give favorable consideration to a plea for a general pardon for Henry Weinberg, a lawyer who was at one time counsel for Grover Cleveland Bergdall, the draft dodger from Philadelphia, Bergdall was one of those who had been convicted but by some citizenry which has never been fully explained was enabled to escape from the custody of army officials and is still enjoying his liberty in Germany. Weinberg on a cross examination before the committee, declared that he would express his opinion on political and economic questions at any time and in any place despite the Supreme Court of the United States. If that were the only offense of men who have been convicted under the espionage act they would never have been haled before a court of justice.

The so-called political prisoners were not convicted for expressing their opinions of political and economic questions. They were convicted for interfering with the prosecution of the war or for giving aid and comfort to our national enemies. The author of the resolution was Representative London, socialist of New York. At the hearing before the congressional committee, Mr. London declared that he would free men convicted of violence if they did so because of a deep religious feeling. If that theory of the administration of our criminal laws should be adopted Booth and Guitan would have escaped punishment if they had put up the plea that they assassinated presidents of the United States under the impulse of deep religious feeling. Under our conscription laws no man was required to bear arms if he could show that he had religious convictions against war. Many men undertook to take advantage of the provisions of that law notwithstanding they had never theretofore shown any religious convictions on war or any other subject. The only complaint that was heard of the administration of the conscientious objection provision of the law was that the war department construed it too liberally and permitted many persons to escape their obligations under the conscription act.

The fact that the war is now over is cited by some as a reason why the offenders under the espionage law should be given their freedom. The fallacy of such a plea as that is readily apparent. The war was won not through their efforts, but in spite of their opposition. If it was ever proper to deprive them of their freedom it would certainly be improper now to let them enjoy the fruits of a victory in which they had no part but which they tried to prevent.

SHOULD SUPPORT ALL ECONOMY MEASURES

Let the economy program in congress continue. Let everybody at home give moral support to Connecticut's congressmen and senators, that pace may not slacken. Leaders of the house have a short time ago issued an appeal for public support in such a program. Representative Fess has issued a warning that the "contemplated saving of several hundred millions of dollars through the limitation of armaments will result in hundreds of attempted raids on the public treasury with freak legislation." Congress will have to be on its guard to forestall such legislation.

Despite criticism, the present congress has accomplished a great deal after being handed the broken down inefficient, ramshackle machinery left by the democrats. Everything cannot be done in a day, and for action, the present congress has accomplished more for the time it has been in session than any previous congress.

Now let's make certain that partisanship or personal desires on the part of some people do not interfere with the economy program. Congress has already cut hundreds of millions of dollars from previous expenditures. Already the clans are gathering in Washington and bringing pressure to bear upon individual members of congress to support

this, that or the other fad or pet measure, every one of which means the expenditure of some money. In addition to these influences, there are some 200-odd bureaus, many of which are not necessary, which are insistent upon being allowed to continue. They are bringing a great pressure to bear on individual members of congress to continue their appropriations. Many of them could go, some are necessary. All of them have the backing of some class or clique or "movement." They are now going to rely on getting enough sentiment behind them to stay—sentiment which will not array itself against their continuation.

It is the old story of organized movement. A congressman after all is but human, and after being besieged day and night in behalf of some particular measure calling for appropriations of this much and that much, is liable to lend his support to the proposition when he sees no backing from his constituency or the press "back home."

If the republican press of Connecticut, coupled with the support of interested republican citizens of the state, will back up Connecticut's representatives in congress, undoubtedly Connecticut can be in the forefront when the nation begins to plan further reduction in taxation and a lessening of the burdens now carried over from the war.

It is proposed that this commission shall have the specific duty of erecting suitable memorials to commemorate the services of American forces in France, Belgium and Italy. It is intended that special monuments of artistic design will be used to mark the following places of unusual historical importance in connection with the American Expeditionary Forces: where the first American soldier was killed in Europe; where first American soldier was wounded at the front; where German raid on First Division November 3, 1917, took place, during which the first three American soldiers were killed in action and the first American prisoners were taken; first sector held by an American division acting as a complete unit; where the 11th U. S. Engineers fought at Cambrai, after the British lines had been broken and held the Germans in check until the British and French brought up reinforcements; sector where the 6th U. S. Engineers held the Germans in check, March 21, 1918; sectors marking the location of the 369th, 370th, 371st, 372d regiments, which were brigaded with the French troops; split near Casarsa, Italy, where the 332d U. S. Infantry was engaged.

In addition to these special monuments, bronze tablets will be placed marking certain buildings of interest in connection with the American forces in France. Outline map monuments will be erected showing former positions of American troops in the battle sectors. These monuments will be in the form of relief maps and will show in colored enamel battle front lines and numbers of American troops engaged. The face of the block toward the observer will show the coat-of-arms of the United States and the words, "United States of America," will be cut in bronze.

Sixty-eight destroyers of the Pacific division of the navy to be ordered out of commission by June 30th will be "stored" at the Philadelphia navy yard, under orders just issued by Secretary Denby. All ammunition and removable equipment for each ship is to be stored ashore and labeled to show from which ship it came and so arranged that it can be quickly replaced on that vessel if needed.

The increase in the price of wool, which has been very noticeable in the past few months, is completely explained by statistics just issued

by the department of agriculture, showing that the consumption of wool in the United States in 1921 was 72,000,000 pounds more than in 1920. This includes wool of all grades. These figures prove that the price of farm products is largely determined by the consumption of those products in the United States, rather than by the volume of foreign exports.

ALL NATIONS TO TAKE PART IN EXHIBITION

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, April 1.—The International Water Color Exhibition which will open at the art institute here on April 15, will include water colors from French, German, Russian, Japanese, Bohemian and American artists. The show is of especial significance because it is an outgrowth of the interest in water color painting which has been characteristic of the past 100 years in the history of art. Before the beginning of the 19th century, water color painting as it is known today, did not exist. A certain type of tinted drawing was in vogue among owners of estates who arranged albums full of views of their castle and grounds, and it was from these outlined and tinted monochromes that Turner and Girtin evolved the beginnings of water color paintings. Today it can hold its own with any medium. It is permanent and reliable.

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